

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, lines 1 and 2, replace the paragraph with the following amended paragraph.

The invention relates to a hand instrument ~~according to the generic term of claim 1~~ which serves to improve the results of activity during medical treatment by preventing the release of lubricant and its transfer into the work area while ensuring reliability of operation.

Page 3, lines 6 to 11, replace the paragraphs with the following amended paragraphs.

This object is achieved according to the invention ~~as defined in claim 1.~~
~~Advantageous developments are defined in the subclaims.~~

~~Due to the features described in claim 1, according to which~~ by coating at least one of the parts ~~is coated~~ with a lubricant at least over part of its surface, thereby providing a hand instrument ~~is provided~~ which operates without the necessity of added lubricant.